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Miramichi Advance. The Legislature.

The Legislature of New Brunswick is called to meet on Thursday, 15th February, next for the despatch of business.

The Sun intimates that nothing has been done by the local government to secure the payment of the Eastern Extension claim from the Dominion government.

At the last session of Parliament a grant was made for the Bay du Vin wharf, but by reason of the inaction of those who have the ear of the government, nothing appears to have been done.

The season for procuring the material for the work at Bay du Vin is passing and, so far as we can learn, no tender has been asked or other action taken in the matter.

Hon. H. R. Emerson, Premier of the Province, who has heretofore been Chief Commissioner of Public Works, has been appointed by His Hon. the Lieutenant Governor Attorney General.

Small Pox, which is one of the diseases most dreaded by our people, appears to have prevailed for some time in the County of Bonaventure in the Province of Quebec.

The government, through Provincial Secretary Tweedie, issued a proclamation on Friday last referring to the communication of the disease by rail and otherwise from Quebec to New Brunswick.

Whenever within any health district which the Provincial Secretary has caused to be defined by the Local Board of Health for such district a case of smallpox exists, in case such district be a City or town, the following shall be done:

Methodists Want a Lenten Season. Mr. Chester Massey, a prominent Methodist, presented a resolution at the banquet of the Social Union of that church in Toronto the other day favoring the giving up of all social engagements for a period of one month in each year.

THE WAR I.

The turning point in the war appears to have been passed. News came on Thursday last that a part of General Buller's force had crossed the Tugela.

A London despatch of 19th inst. says: General Buller's forces engaged in the flanking operations across the Tugela, are some 13,000 or 14,000 bayonets, 1,200 horses and 40 guns.

Three weeks ago, General Buller had 30,000 men. Considerable reinforcements have since reached him, giving him probably 35,000 men and 80 guns all told.

After General Buller had succeeded in crossing the Tugela with his forces it was naturally expected by the general public that he would advance forthwith to the relief of Ladysmith.

A very singular thing took place at Halifax just before the S. S. Laurentian left with the Artillery detachment of the second Canadian contingent. It appears that 47 horses belonging to the Quebec artillery were sent forward on the ship.

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returns if lists were used or how many voters had been used, where an improved list was used, there were twelve more ballots than the number of names shown on the original list.

On motion of Conn. Pond, the Warden was authorized to appoint a committee of five to consider the protests.

WEDNESDAY'S SESSION. Jan. 17.—Conn. Betts referred to the fact that the Government had taken the appointment of one of the revisors out of the hands of the Council, and it was enacted that this revisor should be paid in like manner as the others.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. Warden took the chair at 2 o'clock. Conn. Connors called attention to the fact that the time of the Council had been taken up by the protests, and thought it would be advisable to proceed to the passage of parish accounts at once.

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